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July 19, 2011

Honorable Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration, Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Dear Ms. Brown:

RE: Union Pacific Railroad Company Abandonment in Modesto, Escalon, Stanislaus
and San Joaquin Counties, California; STB Docket No. AB-33 (sub-no. 278X).

On July 31, 2009, the Surface Transportation Board issued a "Decision and Notice of Interim Trail Use or Abandonment" whereby the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) would be required to negotiate with the City of Modesto for a trail use agreement. A 180-day public use condition was imposed, commencing from August 1, 2009, and ended on January 28, 2010. The 180-day public use condition was to allow Modesto the needed time to assemble and review title information complete a trail plan and to negotiate an agreement with UPRR for use of the right-of-way as a trail.

On January 26, 2010, the City of Modesto requested and was granted an additional 90-day extension to continue negotiations with the UPRR. This 90-day extension expired on April 28, 2010. On April 12, 2010, the City of Modesto requested and was granted an additional 180-day extension to the public use condition to allow more time for an appraisal of subject property and to negotiate with UPRR for use of the right-of-way as a trail. That extension expired on October 25, 2010 and the City of Modesto requested and was granted by the Surface Transportation Board an additional 180-day extension to the public use condition. That extension expired on April 23, 2011, and the City of Modesto requested and was granted by the Surface Transportation Board an additional 90-day extension to the public use condition. The latest extension is set to expire on July 22 and the City of Modesto has not been able to reach an agreement with the UPRR for trail use. Therefore, we are asking for a time extension of an additional 90 days so as to continue negotiations with UPRR.

Thank you for your consideration of this important request.

By my signature below, I certify service upon Union Pacific Railroad Company
Director of Real Estate-west/1800 Farnam Street/Omaha, Nebraska 68102, by Federal
Express priority overnight delivery on July 19, 2011.

Sincerely,

Julie G. Hannon
Director

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